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Admiral Bobby Inman
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Dear Admiral Inman:

John Bross has suggested that I send my revived proposal for a National Historical Intelligence Museum to both Mr. Casey and you. Having heard your recent presentation to the State Department Open Forum Panel, I am especially encouraged to do so.

I was impressed with your stress on intelligence as a government-wide matter, and particularly with the points you made on the need for sustained popular support for our intelligence activities and agencies. More specifically, you hit a very responsive cord in this listener through comments that "intelligence has no constituency and urgently needs one", and that we must avoid the historical pattern of building our intelligence capabilities for actual or threatened hostilities and then dismantling them when a specific combat or threat of conflict ends.

As you know, the Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO), our National Intelligence Study Center, and the Consortium for the Study of Intelligence have all worked to expand popular understanding of intelligence and increase sustained public support for it.

Educating and convincing opinion leaders and a public made skeptical in recent years is neither an easy nor a short-term task, however. It requires institutionalization. One way some of us have been attempting this is through encouragement of both more and more balanced scholarly and popular writing, and more and better coverage in college courses. This letter describes another, complementary approach, establishment of a National Historical Intelligence Museum in a location visited by Americans in search of combination of recreation and their nation's historical heritage.

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We have set up a non-profit, tax-exempt organization and established a working board. We are seeking members for a blue-ribbon advisory board, a site, funds and help from within the Government.

We believe the museum should take a heavily historical approach, and have enclosed some preliminary thoughts on content for your consideration.

We are asking Mr. Casey for his assistance with this project and would be very pleased to have yours, as well as any preliminary comments you might have for us.

Sincerely,

President
National Historical
Intelligence Museum

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